

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MICROORGANISMS OF NOVEL SPECIES AND METHODS FOR USING THE SAME, the specification of which

  X   is attached hereto.

  X   was filed on July 13, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. HIRA1180)

as U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

if applicable (the "Application").

**I hereby authorize and request insertion of the application serial number of the Application when officially known.**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PRIORITY CLAIMED
<u>Japan</u>	<u>PCT/JP99/00117</u>	<u>January 14, 1999</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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